COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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DATE: October 4, 2010

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE FILE NO. SH2256672

FROM: ERIC B. SMITH, COMMANDER
LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING DIVISION

TO: KARYN MANNIS, CAPTAIN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT: **EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE DISPOSITION: DEPUTY JASON GOSS [redacted] TRANSPORTATION BUREAU**

While off-duty, Deputy Jason Goss [redacted] exited his [redacted] looked directly across the street, and saw flames lining the north sidewalk leading up to his [redacted] car. Suddenly a male stood up, next to the right rear passenger door of his [redacted] car. The male was holding a plastic container. Deputy Goss asked the male what he was doing and the male replied by cursing at him and reached into his waistband area.

Deputy Goss fearing for his life that the suspect was reaching for a gun, pulled out his off-duty weapon and fired at the suspect twice. The suspect started to move in an eastbound direction, keeping his hand in his waistband area.

Deputy Goss fearing for his safety, fired two additional rounds at the suspect. The suspect sprinted toward a car which was parked on the north side of the street. The suspect suddenly appeared on a bicycle pedaling away from the scene in a eastbound direction and out of view.

Deputy Goss contacted his [redacted] and advised her regarding the fire. Los Angeles Fire Department and Los Angeles Police Department responded to the scene to handle the investigation.

On September 23, 2010 the Executive Force Review Committee convened and conducted a review regarding the facts of this case. The applicable policies that were evaluated by the committee were: MPP §§ 3-01/025.00, Use of Force; 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force; 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force; and 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards.

Concerning:

MPP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, MPP § 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force, and MPP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputy Jason Goss #[redacted]was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

MPP § 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards, the Committee determined that the tactics employed by Deputy Goss in this incident were within Department Policy.

Eric B. Smith, Commander

EBS:RSP/rsp

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Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date: 12-15-09	Bureau/Station/Facility: Correctional Services Division/ Transportation Bureau	Admin. Invest.? ☐	Hit? ☐

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URN: LAPD 09-12-34139	Date: 12-14-09 Time: 0411
City or Station: [redacted]	Nature of Incident: Deputy Goss exited his [redacted] on his way to work, when he saw a fire at the driveway of his [redacted] residence. The suspect stood up at the rear of the car. Deputy Goss asked the suspect what he was doing. The suspect cursed at Deputy Goss. Deputy Goss identified himself a L.A. County Sheriff. The suspect reached for his waistband. Deputy Goss fearing the suspect was reaching for a weapon, fired twice at the suspect. The suspect continued to reach into his waistband, and Deputy Goss fired two more shots. The suspect left the scene on a bike. Unknown if the suspect was hit.
Location: [redacted]	

Location Type (*circle one or more*): Backyard, Beach, Business, Freeway, Industrial, Park, Parking Lot, (Residence), Rural, School, Street, Other: ______

Lighting (*circle only one*): (Darkness), Daylight, Other, Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*): (Clear), Cloudy, Fog, Rain

Distance:

Incident Type (*circle one or more*): Accidental, (Armed Person), (Fleeing Suspect), Foot Pursuit, Gun Take Away, Moving Vehicle, Sniper/Ambush, Startle, Struggle Involved, Traffic Stop, Unarmed Person, Unintentional, Vehicle Pursuit, Warrant Service, Warning Shot, Other: ______

Initiated by (*circle only one*): Arrest Warrant, Call, (Observation), One Person Unit, Other, Search Warrant, Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*circle only one*): Detective, Inmate Transport, (Other), Routine Patrol

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect
4	None

Aero Unit? ☐ Canine Unit? ☐

[illegible]

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): Regular Overtime Off Duty

[illegible]

Last Name [redacted]		First Name [redacted]		M.I. [redacted]	
Street Address [redacted]	City [redacted]	Zip Code [redacted]	Work Ph [redacted]	Home Ph [redacted]	
Last Name [redacted]		First Name [redacted]		M.I.	
Street Address [redacted]	City [redacted]	Zip Code [redacted]	Work Ph [redacted]	Home Ph [redacted]	
Last Name [redacted]		First Name [redacted]		M.I.	
Street Address [redacted]	City [redacted]	Zip Code [redacted]	Work Ph [redacted]	Home Ph	

[illegible]

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(*circle one or more*)
[redacted]	Stroud	James	R.	(On Duty), Present during shooting, Witness to shooting, Involved in shooting
				On Duty, Present during shooting, Witness to shooting, Involved in shooting

[illegible]

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

[illegible]

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
#[redacted]	Barajas	Ceci	I.

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Rollout data

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
12-14-09	0720	12-15-09	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I
[redacted]	Rios	Jimmy	J.
[redacted]	Ramirez	Jack	H.
[redacted]	Brickert	Scott	J.

Shooting data

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED (one code per block)

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S#1	E#1	FH					NN	
E#1	S#1	FH	SW	9	N	Y	NN	

Officer Involved Shooting
Involved Employee Information

URN: LAPD 09-12-34139

E 1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Goss	First Name: Jason	M.I.: B,
Sex: M Race: B	Rank: Deputy	Unit Assignment: Transportation Bureau	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): Off duty
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): (EM circled) PM Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): Regular Overtime (Off Duty circled)	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: Interviewed? ☒
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8 hrs	Duty [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): (Plain Clothes no Vest circled) Plain Clothes w/ Vest Raid Jacket no Vest Raid Jacket w/ Vest Uniform no Vest Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted] Height: 6'01"	Weight: 225		
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted] Prior Shootings? [redacted]	Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: Smith & Wesson Caliber: 9 # Shots: 4	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots:		
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): Regular Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest Plain Clothes w/ Vest Raid Jacket no Vest Raid Jacket w/ Vest Uniform no Vest Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: Height:	Weight:		
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit: Prior Shootings? ☐	Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: 9 # Shots:	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots:		
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Age: Height:	Weight:		
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Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

Officer Involved Shooting
Suspect Information

JRN: LAPD 09-12-34139

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S 1

Last Name Unknown	First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: M Race: B	Street Address: City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: 6'2" Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make	Model:	Year:

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Last Name	First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address: City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make	Model:	Year:

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Last Name	First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address: City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
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Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make	Model:	Year:

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SUPPLEMENTAL NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

[illegible]

Last Name	First Name		M.I.
Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]		M.I.
Street Address [redacted]	Zip Code [redacted]	Work Ph [redacted]	Home Ph [redacted]
Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]		M.I.
Street Address [redacted]	Zip Code [redacted]	Work Ph	Home Ph [redacted]
Last Name	First Name		M.I.
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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

DEPUTY INVOLVED-NON HIT SHOOTING EVALUATION

UNIT:	Transportation Bureau
DATE:	December 14, 2009
TIME:	0411 hours
LOCATION:	[redacted]
URN#:	LAPD DR-0912-34142 - L.A. City Fire Report # 2009-12-0102
IAB#:	SH2256672

NATURE OF INCIDENT:

On Monday, December 14, 2009, Sergeants Jimmy Rios and Jack Ramirez of the Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) responded to the residence located at [redacted] regarding an off-duty deputy involved in a shooting. The involved deputy was Transportation Deputy Jason Goss. IAB Lieutenant Scott Brickert responded to the incident and checked to see that Transportation Sergeant James Stroud took reasonable steps to ensure that the involved deputy did not discuss the incident with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators, and that the involved deputy did not consult with his attorney or representative. In addition, IAB Lieutenant Brickert checked to see if the supervisor attempted to have the involved deputy in the company of a supervisor until he provided a statement to the assigned investigators. Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Robbery-Homicide Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] were on scene to conduct the criminal investigation. Los Angeles City Fire Department Arson Investigators [redacted] and [redacted] were also on scene to investigate the attempt arson portion of the investigation.

The summary of this incident is based on physical evidence collected at the scene by Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Crime Lab personnel, as well as the information obtained from interviews of the involved employee and witnesses, whose individual statements are contained in the LAPD and Los Angeles City Fire investigation reports. **(Refer to Exhibit's A and Exhibit B).**

On December 14, 2009, at approximately 0411 hours, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Transportation Bureau Deputy Jason Goss # [redacted] exited his [redacted] and was walking toward his vehicle, which was parked in his driveway. He looked directly across the street from his [redacted] and saw flames lining the north sidewalk

leading up to his [redacted] car, which was parked in the driveway at [redacted] Suddenly a male stood up, next to the right rear passenger door of his neighbor's car. The male was holding a plastic container. Deputy Goss asked the male what he was doing, and the male replied by cursing at him. He identified himself and the male once again cursed at him and reached into his waistband area.

Deputy Goss fearing for his life that the suspect was reaching for a gun, pulled out his off duty weapon and fired at the suspect twice. The suspect started to move in an eastbound direction, keeping his hand in his waistband area.

Deputy Goss fearing for his safety, fired two additional rounds at the suspect. The suspect sprinted toward a car which was parked on the north side of the street. The suspect suddenly appeared on a bicycle pedaling away from the scene in a eastbound direction and out of view.

Deputy Goss contacted his [redacted] and advised her regarding the fire. Los Angeles Fire Department and Los Angeles Police Department responded to the scene to handle the investigation.

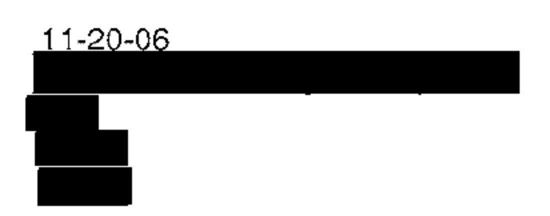
INVOLVED PERSONNEL:

GOSS, JASON, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Transportation Bureau, Custody Operations

EMPLOYEE WORK HISTORY:

GOSS, JASON , Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Transportation Bureau, Custody Operations

Date of Employment: 11-20-06
Date Assigned to Patrol: [redacted]
Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incidents: [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [redacted]



SUSPECT:

Unknown, MB/20-25, 6'02", 180lbs.

DEPARTMENT WITNESSES:

1. Sergeant James Stroud #[redacted]

NON-DEPARTMENT WITNESSES



1. [redacted] **FB/35**
2. [redacted] **FB/46**
3. [redacted] **MB/41**
4. [redacted] **FH/32**
5. [redacted] **MB/52**

INJURIES:

Deputy Personnel:

None.

Suspect:

The suspect fled the scene. Unknown if the suspect was struck.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:

Four expended casings were recovered from the scene and a sketch of the scene was prepared by Scientific Services Bureau (SSB) Forensic Identification Specialist Sonya Villa #[redacted] SSB Forensic Identification Specialist Marisela Rowles #[redacted] took the crime scene photographs. No bullet holes were observed.

> **IAB Note: Exhibit C** is the sketch, photo disc, and evidence list prepared by the SSB forensic specialists.

WEATHER AND LIGHTING CONDITIONS:

The morning weather was clear and cold. During the morning hours the street was illuminated by two streetlights.

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT:

Unknown, the suspect reached for a weapon. No weapon was seen.

PROPERTY DAMAGE:

A check for bullet holes on the walls or fences of the residences met with negative results. No property damaged was discovered or observed.

CHARGES FILED:

At the time of writing this review, the suspect had not been arrested.

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL:

DEPUTY JASON GOSS
Off-duty Weapon- Smith and Wesson, Model 6906, Serial Number #[redacted] Double Action, Semiautomatic Pistol, stainless steel finish.
Type Of Ammunition- Winchester Luger 9mm caliber type ammunition. The ammunition was not examined by the crime lab.
Ammunition- four rounds fired and nine left in the magazine.
Shell Casings- four expended 9mm cartridges were located at the scene.
Date Employee Last Qualified: (Mobile Range): [redacted]
Date Last Trained With Weapon: [redacted]

Deputy Goss' weapon was examined, test fired, and found to be functional by Firearms Examiner Edmund Anderson #[redacted] of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department-Scientific Services Bureau, Firearms Identification Section. (**Refer to Exhibit D).**

INVOLVED DEPUTIES' STATEMENTS:

Deputy Jason Goss, #[redacted] was interviewed by Los Angeles Police Department Robbery Homicide Investigators [redacted] #[redacted] and [redacted] #[redacted] on December 14, 2009, at 0750 hours at his residence. The interview was audio recorded.

> **IAB Note: Refer to Exhibit E which is an audio disc depicting the interview conducted by with LAPD and LAFD Arson investigators and the interview is listed under Job # 28432. The transcribed interview is attached.**

Sergeants Jimmy Rios and Jack Ramirez of Internal Affairs Bureau interviewed Deputy Goss on February 18, 2010, at Internal Affairs Bureau at approximately 1001 hours. The following is a summary of the interview.

Deputy Goss has been a Deputy Sheriff for three and half years and graduated from the [redacted] His work assignments since lateraling to the Sheriff's Department have been the [redacted] and his current assignment is the Transportation Bureau.

On Monday, December 14, 2009, at approximately 0420 hours, he exited his [redacted] on his way to work. His start was at 0500 hours and that morning he was running a little late. When he walked out of [redacted] door, he was standing on [redacted] grass, when he looked up and saw the sidewalk directly across the street and his [redacted] car was partially on fire. He estimated the length of the flames was approximately 10 yards, and the fire was heading up toward his [redacted] driveway. His [redacted] car, a white Mercedes Benz, was parked on the driveway. Suddenly, a person stood up at the right rear side of the vehicle (Mercedes Benz) on the grass. He described the person as a tall Black male, wearing a hooded sweatshirt with nylon type sweat pants with an "Adidas" type stripe on the pants. He did not recognize him. The man was holding a "Clorox" bottle or a big detergent bottle in his right hand. He could smell gas at that point.

Deputy Goss asked the individual what he was doing. The suspect replied by cursing at him and placing his left hand on the right side of his waistband area. He felt that the suspect was reaching for a gun and he felt his life was threatened.

Deputy Goss reached for his weapon which was in his front right pocket of his sweat pants, and identified himself by saying, "L. A. County Sheriff." He believed he said, "L. A. County Sheriff's" more than once. The suspect replied, "hey, fuck you" as he continued to reach in his waistband. Deputy Goss pulled his firearm out and came up on his target and shot twice. He estimated the suspect was within 25 to 30 yards when he identified himself and he believed the suspect heard him because he replied by cursing at him.

After Deputy Goss fired his first volley of shots, the suspect started to move across the lawn and he continued to reach into his waistband area, as he looked in his direction. He described the suspect's actions as not running but moving in a "panicky" manner in a eastbound direction. The suspect did not say anything, and was still holding the "Clorox" bottle with his right hand and he never dropped the bottle. The suspect was standing in front of a large bay window, so he had to reassess, because he did not want to shoot through the window. The suspect slid across the grass still facing him and once he cleared the window he believed the suspect was still a threat to him due to his hand remaining in his waistband. He fired his second set of shots at the suspect. He estimated the distance from the suspect to be approximately 20-25 yards at this point. He did not see a gun or weapon. After firing his second set of shots the suspect ran at a full sprint, with his back turned toward him so he did not fire at the suspect.

The suspect ran towards a vehicle which was parked on the north side of the street. The suspect ended up on a bike. Deputy Goss didn't know if the bike was at the rear of the vehicle or near the palm tree, but the suspect was riding away from the scene. The suspect traveled eastbound on 85th Street and turned southbound on St. Andrews.

IAB Note: 11 photocopies of photographs are listed as Exhibit F. The vehicle that was parked on the north side of the street next to the palm tree was not captured in the photographs taken by the crime lab. Deputy Goss noted the position of the parked vehicle on photograph #11 and the suspect's direction of travel.

Deputy Goss saw the trail of fire was pretty strong, and it appeared to him that the vehicle's bumper was starting to catch on fire, so he ran back and knocked on his neighbor's door to notify her.

He then went over to his [redacted] house and knocked on her door to alert her that her car was on fire. He called Sheriff Communication Center (SCC) and told them he had been involved in a shooting.

IAB Note: SCC Public Response Dispatcher Specialist Sandy Poole [redacted] checked the SCC phone lines for Deputy Goss' telephone call. She was unable to retrieve the phone call due to some phone lines not being recorded. Exhibit G is an audio disc containing two phone recordings from SCC. The earliest recorded phone call is listed at 0438 hours, SCC Sergeant Weatherspoon #[redacted] contacted Transportation Bureau Deputy Hylands #[redacted] regarding the shooting. The second recorded phone call is between Transportation Bureau Captain Clark #[redacted] and Sgt. Weatherspoon.

Deputy Goss' [redacted] Witness [redacted] looked out her window and asked him if everything was okay. He asked her to call 911. He contacted his [redacted] who told him she had already called 911. He called his unit of assignment and spoke to the watch sergeant to advise her what had occurred.

Deputy Goss estimated the time frame between his first volley of shots and his second to be within seconds, just enough time for the suspect to move past the window.

Deputy Goss indicated he fired his second volley of shots from the sidewalk or driveway entrance of [redacted] He did not remember stepping out onto the street to fire his weapon. He ended up on the street because he wanted to see if the suspect was going to drop the container or if he was going to fall over. He estimated the driveway of the residence just east of [redacted] to be his final advance. When he was told the location of the recovery of the expended casings from the street, Deputy Goss was not sure if he had fired from the street.

IAB Note: Using Photograph #10, Deputy Goss marked the position where he last advanced toward the suspect, because he was watching the suspect's last seen direction of travel. Deputy Goss used photograph #11 and marked the photograph with a #1 as his initial position when he fired his first volley of shots, and #2 where he fired his second volley of shots. He also drew a line of the path he walked during the shooting. He indicated on Photograph #11 with a "3" for his final position where he watched the suspect leave the location.

A series of photos were given to Deputy Goss to look at and to identify the suspect's initial position, when he was giving the verbal commands.

IAB Note: Deputy Goss identified the suspect's initial location on photograph #4, and he signed and dated the photograph.

Deputy Goss stated he did not have cover, so he used his gunfire as his cover because he wasn't going to give the suspect an opportunity to pull his hand out of his waistband. A vehicle, which was parked just east of his residence, was pointed out to him in Photograph # 11, but Deputy Goss indicated the vehicle was not parked at the location during the incident, so he could not have used the vehicle as a position of cover.

Deputy Goss stated when he initially shot, his backdrop was the area between the houses which was the metal fence and the stucco wall of the residence. He would have followed with more shots, but he had to reassess at that point because of the large bay window.

IAB NOTE: Deputy Goss placed an"X" and initialed photo 5 to depict the initial backdrop.

Deputy Goss pointed out a residence on the north side of the street which had a front porch and a kitchen window as his second backdrop.

IAB NOTE: Deputy Goss using photograph #11 identified his backdrop for his second volley of shots. He indicated on the photograph with a "2" for his second backdrop.

Deputy Goss stated there was no vehicular or foot traffic during the shooting. He described the lighting conditions as dim but he did remember two street lights on his street. One streetlight was west of [redacted] and the other streetlight was east of [redacted] Deputy Goss described the weather as cold and clear for the morning hours.

Deputy Goss did not use his duty weapon during the shooting but rather an off-duty weapon, a 9 millimeter, Smith & Wesson, Model 6906. The ammunition capacity in the weapon is 12 rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber, for a total of 13 rounds. [redacted]

IAB Note: [redacted] Exhibit G is a photocopy of the autoloader class shooting card indicating his qualification score with his weapon.

Deputy Goss stated when he was interviewed by the LAPD and LA City Fire Investigators he did not remember if he had told them he had shot two volleys of shots at the suspect during the taped interview but he advised them of such during the walk through, which was not recorded.

I.A.B. NOTE: Deputy Goss' interview was recorded and transcribed and is listed under Job #28495.

DEPARTMENT WITNESS:

Sergeant James Stroud #[redacted] was interviewed on Thursday, June 3, 2010, at 0838 hours, by IAB Sergeant Jimmy Rios. The interview was conducted on the telephone and was digitally recorded.

Sergeant Stroud stated on December 14, 2009, at approximately 0450 hours, he was working at Transportation Bureau, when he was notified by the Early Morning Watch Commander Sergeant Ceci Barjas #[redacted] that Deputy Goss had been involved in off-duty shooting. He responded to [redacted] and he arrived at the scene at approximately 0525 hours. Upon his arrival, Century Station Sergeant Ruben Naranjo #[redacted] was on scene with Deputy Goss.

Sergeant Stroud checked on Deputy Goss' welfare and was briefed by the Los Angeles officers at the scene regarding the incident. He told Deputy Goss not to discuss the incident with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the investigators.

Sergeant Stroud stated Transportation Bureau Captain John Clark arrived at the scene and he briefed his Captain regarding the incident. Sergeant Stroud stayed with Deputy Goss until he provided a statement to the investigators.

I.A.B. NOTE: Sergeant Stroud's phone interview was transcribed and is listed under Job #29284.

CIVILIAN WITNESSES

[redacted] **FB/35,** was interviewed on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at 1005 hours, by IAB Sergeant Jimmy Rios. The interview was conducted on the telephone and was digitally recorded.

Witness [redacted] stated she got up after Deputy Goss, who is her [redacted] had exited the house. She got up and started to walk toward her alarm panel to reset the house alarm, when she heard four gunshots. She looked out the window and saw a fire across the street from her residence. She ran to the phone and called 9-1-1, and ran to the front door. She saw Jason across the street and she asked him if everything was okay. Jason asked her if she had called 9-1-1 and she told him she did. She did not see anyone else and she did not hear any conversation prior to the gunshots.

Witness [redacted] stated she notified the 9-1-1 operator that her [redacted] car was on fire, but she did not mention the gunshots because she was in a panic because of the fire between her [redacted] house. She got dressed and ran to the door to notify her [redacted] but Jason had notified her. The fire department arrived on scene and spoke to her [redacted] She did not see anyone else exit their homes during this time.

I.A.B. NOTE: [redacted] phone interview was transcribed and is listed under Job #28314.

[redacted] **FB/46,** was interviewed on Monday, December 14, 2009, at 0720 hours by Robbery-Homicide LAPD Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] along with LAFD Arson Investigators [redacted] and [redacted] The following is summary of the interview that was completed by the investigators. The interview was not recorded.

Ms. [redacted] told the investigators at approximately 0415 hours in the morning, she was awakened by someone yelling "freeze" followed by four gunshots. Shortly thereafter, she heard banging on her front door. She opened the front door and saw her [redacted] Jason Goss, who told her that a guy was trying to torch her Mercedes and that he shot at the guy. He asked her to call 9-1-1.

Ms. [redacted] stated she was due in court in the morning for a civil matter, where she was evicting one of her [redacted] The tenant was identified as [redacted] who was losing the property he was attempting to buy from Ms. [redacted] She did not believe Mr. [redacted] was the suspect but believed he had paid someone to set the fire.

Ms. [redacted] also noticed her Mercedes, a white 2009 Mercedes E350 VIN# [redacted] had three flat tires. She also had another vehicle, a blue 1986 Toyota Camry, Ca. Lic # [redacted] which was parked on the north curb line in front of her residence. The vehicle also had three flattened tires. She told investigators she had driven both vehicles the day before and the tires were in perfect condition.

Ms. [redacted] spoke to Investigator [redacted] later the same day and told him, Mr. [redacted] did not show up for the court matter and she won the civil matter against him.

I.A.B. NOTE: Refer to Exhibit A, page 2 of the LAPD Report and page 4 of the LAFD Arson Report.

[redacted] MB/41, was interviewed on Monday, December 14, 2009, 2008, at 0840 hours, by LAFD Arson Investigators [redacted] and [redacted] The following is summary of the interview that was completed by the investigators. The interview was not recorded.

Mr. [redacted] told the investigators he had arrived at his [redacted] residence located at [redacted] at approximately 0300 hours. He noticed a mountain type bicycle parked along the curb in front of his [redacted] house. He saw a male, wearing a dark color hooded sweatshirt, whom he had seen in the area before, coming from across the street in the area of [redacted] He did not know his name, but he asked the man what he was doing and he replied that he was looking for his [redacted] because he thought she was cheating on him. Mr. [redacted] told the man to leave the area and not to come back. He saw the man was carrying a white plastic bag and he got on his bicycle and rode westbound on 85th Street towards Western Avenue.

I.A.B. NOTE: Refer to Exhibit B, page 5 of the Los Angeles City Fire Department Fire Investigation Report.

[redacted] FH/32, was interviewed on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at approximately 1345 hours by LAPD Detective [redacted] The interview was conducted on the telephone and was not recorded.

Ms. [redacted] is Deputy Goss' [redacted] and she resides at [redacted] She stated on December 14, 2009, she was asleep in her upstairs bedroom when she was awakened by the sound of a single gunshot at approximately 4:00 A.M. Her windows are double paned and were closed at the time. She got up and looked out her bedroom window that faces north toward 85th Street and saw her [redacted] front lawn was on fire near the sidewalk area. She saw her [redacted] Jason Goss, was standing in the middle of the street, holding a cell phone to his ear. She opened her window and asked him if he was okay. He replied by asking her to call 9-1-1 and that someone attempted to set [redacted] car on fire. She saw Jason's [redacted] banging on [redacted] front door attempting to wake her up. Ms. [redacted] did not see anyone else in the street or running from the scene.

I.A.B. NOTE: Refer to Exhibit A, page 4 of the LAPD Follow-Up Investigation Report for Witness [redacted] interview.

[redacted] MB/52, was interviewed on Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at 1100 hours, by LAPD Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] at his residence, which is located at [redacted] in the City of [redacted] The interview was not recorded.

Mr. [redacted] stated on December 14, 2009, between 3:30 and 4:00 AM, he was watching television in his house, when he heard four gunshots. He estimated the gunshots were being fired from a northwest direction from his residence. He stated he heard one gunshot followed by a two to five second pause, then he heard three additional gunshots fired in a rapid succession. He then called 9-1-1. He did not hear any other gunshots.

I.A.B. NOTE: It should be noted Mr. [redacted] lives [redacted] of the actual location. Refer to Exhibit A, page 4 of the LAPD Follow-Up Investigation Report for Witness [redacted] interview.

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